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SUBJECT: MBFR: JUNE 22 WORKING GROUP MEETING:

- DISCUSSION ON ROLE OF EXPERTS

REF: STATE 158183 DTG 212216Z JUNE 78

1. PER REFTTEL, WE INFORMED WORKING GRDUP (WG) JUNE 22 OF
U.S. INTENT TO SEND A FIVE-MAN TEAM OF EXPERTS FOR THE
ASSOCIATED MEASURES STUDY.

2. CANADIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD SEND TWO MEN
(KEN CALDER AND LTC MICHAEL BRANSEN) BUT THAT THEY WOULD
ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF DISCUSSION. CANA-
DIAN REP WENT ON TO SAY THAT OTTAWA FOUND JULY 10 DATE
EXTREMELY INCONVENIENT AND THEY HOPED EXPERT GROUP WOULD
NOT DEVOTE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS IN JULY TO STUDY, RETURNING
IN THE FALL FOR FURTHER WORK, IF REQUIRED.

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3. CANADIAN COMMENTS LED TO A MORE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF
THE EXACT ROLE OF THE EXPERT GROUP. THE GENERAL SENSE OF
THIS FIRST DISCUSSION WAS THAT:

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- (A) EXPERTS WOULD MEET IN CONTINUAL SESSION FOR
- 2-3 WEEKS;

- - (B) EXPERTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED FLEXIBILITY AND
 - DISCRETION BY CAPITALS, I.E., BE EMPOWERED
 - TO DRAFT THE STUDY WITHOUT THE NEED TO REFER
 - BACK FOR INSTRUCTIONS AT THE END OF EACH DAY;
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 - (C) THE IMS STAFF GROUP WOULD CHAIR THE MEETINGS
 - AND PROVIDE LOGISTIC (I.E., TYPING) SUPPORT;
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 - (D) SEVERAL DELEGATIONS (E.G., CANADA AND UK)
 - FORESAW DIFFICULTIES IN STAFFING FULL-TIME
 - FOR 2-3 WEEKS AND URGED THAT A CALENDAR BE
 - DRAWN UP WHICH WOULD ENABLE CAPITALS TO PLAN
 - ATTENDANCE. CANADIAN REP CIRCULATED OTTAWA'S
 - PREFERRED AGENDA FOR WG CONSIDERATION (TEXT
 - IN PARA 6 BELOW);
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 - (E) THE WG WOULD CONTINUE TO MEET 2-3 TIMES A WEEK
 - TO CONSIDER WHATEVER FINISHED PRODUCE EMERGES
 - FROM THE EXPERTS' SESSIONS.
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4. COMMENT: WE WOULD ENDORSE THE PROC-DURES CONTAINED IN
PARA 3 (A), (B) AND (C). WHILE THE CANADIAN CALENDAR IDEA
IN PARA 3 (D) MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN PRINCIPLE, IN PRACTICE IT
COULD PROVE DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON A SCHEDULE WHICH WOULD
SUIT ALL DELEGATIONS AND THEN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO STICK
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TO A TIMETABLE ONCE ADOPTED. OUR INCLINATION IS TO ARGUE
FOR ALLOWING THE EXPERTS GROUP MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY TO PLAN
THEIR OWN PROGRAM AND TO ATTEMPT TO SET ONLY A GENERAL

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GOAL: TO TREAT THE MEASURES IN THE ANNEXES SERIATIM AND TO
COMPLETE A FIRST READING IN THREE WEEKS. HOWEVER, GIVEN
BUREAUCRATIC REQUIREMENTS IN SOME CAPITALS, THIS APPROACH
MAY NOT SUCCEED AND WE MAY BE OBLIGED TO CONSIDER A MORE
SPECIFIC PLAN.

- AS REGARDS 3 (E), WHETHER THE WG CAN BE PROFITABLY
OCCUPIED DURING THE EXPERTS SESSION OBVIOUSLY DEPENDS ON THE
PACE OF THE SESSION AND WHETHER ANY ONE MEASURE OF A GROUP
OF MEASURES CAN BE CONSIDERED "FINISHED" AND READY FOR WG
DISCUSSION BEFORE ALL THE MEASURES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED.
UNLESS WASHINGTON HAS STRONG VIEWS TO THE CONTRARY, WE WILL
ARGUE ALONG THE ABOVE LINES.

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- AFTER SOME ADDITIONAL SOUNDINGS HERE, WE WILL COMMENT
FURTHER ON PROCEDURES FOR THE EXPERTS SESSION. END
COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS BY OOB JUNE 29

ON SUGGESTED PROCEDURES IN PARA 3 ABOVE.

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6. TEXT OF SUGGESTED CANADIAN CALENDAR:

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BEGIN TEXT: THE CANADIAN EXPERTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE
FIRST WEEK OF THE SUBJECT MEETING CONCENTRATE ON THE
FOLLOWING MEASURES (IN ORDER OF PRIORITY):

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- (A) PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS OF GROUND
FORCES OF DIRECT PARTICIPANTS INTO AREAS;

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- (B) DECLARATION OF DESIGNATED EEPs;

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(C) OBSERVERS AT DECLARED EEPs;

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- (D) PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF OUT-OF-GARRISON
ACTIVITIES BY GROUND FORCES OF DIRECT
PARTICIPANTS IN AREA;

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- (E) LIMITATION OF SIZE OF OUT-OF-GARRISON
ACTIVITIES;

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- (F) VERIFICATION;

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- (G) EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS.

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